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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: FBI Memorandum of 28 November 1951, "Possible Atomic Attack on U. S. by Soviet Union December 25, 1951"

1. The subject report is highly suspect.
2. In the first place, it is most unlikely that [ ] partisans could have access to Soviet plans for an atomic attack.
3. In the second place, the informant has made statements which are either public knowledge or are commonplace speculations, in part of a fanciful nature.
  - a. The figure of 50 atomic bombs for Soviet production in 1951 is not inconsistent with OSI's estimate; this figure was given wide currency, however, as early as December 1950 in the Alsop column. The informant's relation of this figure to the number of capitals in the United States appears to be an association by chance.
  - ✓ b. The alleged Soviet knowledge of civilian control of the AEC should be taken for granted in view of the wide publicity given to the issue of civilian control in the U. S. press.
  - c. We know nothing of the infiltration of Communists into AEC sites and have no way of comparing speculation on such a topic with information which is presumably available to the FBI.
4. The subject report is being passed to the AD/SO for consideration of the action suggested by the FBI; viz., the location and interrogation of the original [ ] informant.

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